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TWO NOTED CITIES

SITUATED AMID THE ORANGE GROVES OF FLORIDA

PROMINENT RACE MEMBERS

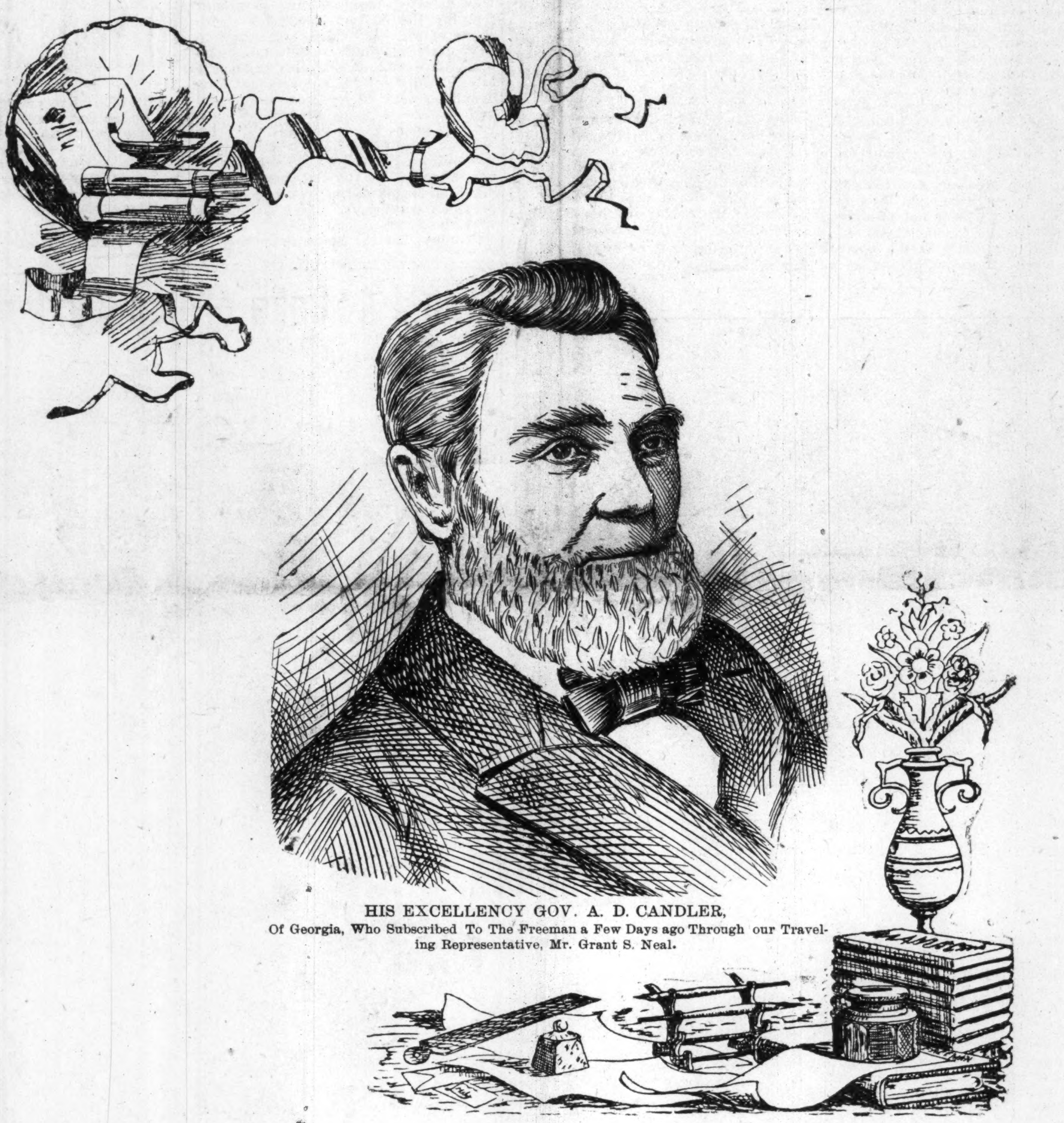
Southern Cities With Many Important Features—The Negro "In It"—The Fifty Per Cent of the Population, Which Is Colored is Thrifty.

Special to The Freeman:

Several weeks have passed since I visited Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla., still it is not too late to speak of my visit to those interesting cities. Jacksonville, the metropolis of Florida, is beautifully located with excellent railroad and water facilities, and has an estimated population of thirty-five thousand inhabitants. While it is one of the best tourist cities in the South, it is not from this source that it derives its principle revenue as many people think. It is growing rapidly into commercial importance, and at the present rate it will, in the course of a few years, be one of the leading ports on the Atlantic coast. The well paved streets, United States government and gardner buildings, are among some of the interesting attractions of Jacksonville. The fact that this city has almost, if not entirely doubled its population since the last census was taken, is sufficient evidence that it is growing rapidly. It has three daily newspapers: Times-Union Citizen, Metropolis and Call. There are several banking institutions and many other important features. About fifty per cent. of the population is colored people, and I was agreeably surprised to find them engaged in every avenue of business, such as merchants, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, successful politicians, etc. Commercially, they are identified in every line of trade and quite a number are doing remarkably well. Financially, there are some who are worth $75,000 and upwards. After noting carefully the progress those people had made within a comparatively short time. I asked myself this question: Could any other race of people, under similar circumstances, have done better? This evidence of progress within a short period of thirty years, goes to show that if given a chance, the Negro will continue to go forward along all lines.

St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, is the next city of which I wish to speak. The old Spanish fort and a part of the great wall that once surrounded the city, the old slave market and evidences of a number of other things of historic interest, still remain. This city has a population of seven or eight thousand people and is supported principally by Northern tourists. During the season which includes the months of January, February, March and a part of April, St. Augustine is one of the swiftest cities in the country—a minature Chicago. The Vanderbilts, Goulds and quite a number of other millionaires, usually spend a part of the winter in this famous resort. H. M. Flagler, owner of the Florida East Coast railway, is a hotel magnate and owns practically nearly all of St. Augustine. He own the famous Ponce de Deleon, which, by-the-way, is one of the prettiest hotels in the world. Dr. D. W. Roberts, a graduate of the University of Chicago and an old Indiana boy, is one of the most successful physicians in the city. He has close application to his profession, built up a lucrative practice. A few years ago, Dr. Roberts landed in St. Augustine from Chicago with barely enough money to hail a bread wagon, but to-day he has several thousand dollars invested in real estate. Doubtless there are people in Chicago and Indiana who remember Dr. Roberts as "Little Dan." He is not "Little Dan" now, but Dr. D. W. Roberts, if you please, the successful physician and surgeon. The wealthiest colored man in St. Augustine is Mr. J. M. Collie. He is rated at $60,000 and is one of the best business men in Florida.

GRANT S. NEAL,
Traveling Representative and Correspondence for The Freeman.



HIS EXCELLENCY GOV. A. D. CANDLER,
Of Georgia, Who Subscribed To The Freeman a Few Days ago Through our Traveling Representative, Mr. Grant S. Neal.

News Notes.

Wartrace, Tenn., Special.

Rev. A. W. White left last Wednesday for his annual conference which convenes in Nashville. The people of Wartrace wish for his return. Miss Leba Osborn and Mrs. Bettie Davidson attended the conference. Miss Leola Jones is at home. She speaks of attending school at Tuskegee this winter. Flora May Stokes continues ill. Miss L. J. Washington made a flying trip to Nashville last week. The mineral water at this place is attracting the notice of people from many points. Mrs. Emma Ervin entertained the following persons last Thursday evening Miss L. C. Jones, Miss Laura Jones, Miss L. J. Washington Mr. Hurley Campbell and R. P. Purdy. Mr. Henry Ervin is up again.

Tuskegee Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.

Principal Booker T. Washington just returned from the Southern Industrial Convention, held in Huntsville, Ala., where he was one of several speakers, who spoke upon the subject of "The Race problem in the South, as bearing on the Industrial progress and future of the South." We were favored last Sunday morning by an address from Professor R. R. Wright, President of the Georgia State College. We are always glad to have such able men as Prof. Wright with us. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustee of the school was held on the grounds on the 14th inst. At this meeting, Principal Washington's annual report was highly endorsed by the Board. During the early part of last week the school was honored by a visit from Mr. Alex. Miles, a very successful colored capitalist of Duluth, Minn.

News.

Albany, Ga., Special.

The children of the city who are not already in school are wondering whethe they should go or not. There are a great many who would rather stand about on the street and not do anything. The faculty of Albany Normal school consist of nine persons this year. The ninth being Mr. L. Meredith who has charge of the cibinet work which has been added recently to the school. The Albany public school will begin Nov, 1. When ever you desire to know about the race read The Freeman, the leading race Journal. Mr. A. B. Dillard of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting his daughter Mrs. C. A. Adams of this city.

Greencastle News.

The Juvenile club of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment on last Saturday evening which was well patronized. The little folks realized $6.30 net from their entertainment. Mrs. Emma Smith Lewis of Bloomington is reported some this week. The Choir of The A. M. E. church give an entertainment Friday evening. Mrs. Chas W. Herring is up again after an illness of several weeks. Miss Josephine Ernest is visiting in Muncie, Ind., this week. Rev. J. H. Henry of Terre Haute conducted quarterly meeting services at Hinton Chapel M. E. church last Friday evening.

A Correction.

Normal, Ala., Oct. 18, 1899.

Dear Sir:—Prof. Councill's matchless plea for the industrial emancipation of the Negro before Southern Industrial convention in Huntsville last Thursday has been misquoted by press despatches sent out saying he favors disfranchising the Negro. Prof. Councill did not even remotely touch the suffrage question. His speech was absolutely non-political. A copy of his speech has been mailed you. Very Truly, S. B. INNIS.

News Notes.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Master Jake Stafford is out of School on account of rheumatism. The band boys cleared $9 at their concert. A social hop was given at the residences of Mr. Frank Vanmeter on Friday night. Another was given at Morristown on Saturday night. Miss Lena Johnson has gone to Indianapolis to spend the winter. Miss Henrietta Carr and Prof. Arthur Wilson of Franklin spent Sunday in our city. Mr. Sam Robinson is in New York this week. The Westinghouse electric Co., has asked the county commissoners for the privilege of building an electric railway from Indianapolis to this city. Shelbyville is to be the central station with lines radiating to Franklin, Rushville, Columbus, and Greensburg. The car barns, repair shops and power house will be built here. Our city is growing rapidly, many houses are in process of construction yet it is impossible for all who wish to get houses. The enrollment at the colored school is now seventy-seven which is ten more than any previous record. The white school is increasing so rapidly that new rooms will have to be provided for next year.

QUEEN CITY ITEMS.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS SEND INTERESTING SOCIAL ITEMS

"KEEP THE PULPITS FREE!"

Prominent Visitors In the City—Political Hints—Dissatisfaction Amongst Ohio Editors—In the Literary World—News In General.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Hon. John P. Green spoke at the Mound Street church last Sunday afternoon. It is a pity that some preachers make policital meetings out of their services on Sunday. About forty-five young ladies and gentlemen met at the residence of Albert W. Hubbard to see Miss Sarah Louise Harris off for Chicago. Among them were Dr. J. Webb Curtis, Lieut. Cheek and Prof. Walter Loveing of the 48th U. S. V. Inf. Samuel Starks, of Charleston, W. Va., was in the city last week. Hon. John P. Green, of Washington, D. C., and I. D. Blair, Indianapolis, Ind., dined with Attorney Erie H. Dixon last Sunday. We hope that during the coming election the preachers of the different churches will keep stump speakers out of their pulpits on Sundays. Dr. A. M. Curtis Chief Surgeon of Freeman's hospital Washington, D. C., was the guest of William Fielding last week. The colored Editors of Ohio, it seems are making a kick on the Republican State Central Committee in giving their literture to be printed pertaining to the colored voters of the State of Ohio to E. E. Cooper of the Colored American. The Editors claim you have to be a non-resident of the State to get the committee's printing. Bullits restaurant, was closed from Friday until Monday morning on the account of the death of their son. The Dunbar literary club met at Miss Katie Easton's on Hopkins street last Wednesday night. Miss Mayme Hackley leaves next month to take a course in Howard University as a trained nurse. A musicale was given last week at Mrs. L. D. Easton's of Hopkins street. An enjoyable program was rendered.

Meridian News.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Mrs. Samuel Rhone has returned to the city after a visit to her daughter at Hattiesburg. Rev. J. E. Carter of the St. James church, preached an able sermon at the Congregational church Sunday. The Mothers' meeting convened at the New Hope church Sunday the 22nd at 2 o'clock. The subject for the day was the "Responsibility and Duty of Parents to Children." Prof. G. M. Reese and Rev. J. M. Lewis made short addresses. The next meeting will take place at Mt. Zion Baptist church, east-end, the second Sunday in November. The young people of New Hope gave an entertainment on the 20th for the purpose of putting a pavement around the church. The Harriet Beecher Stowe club gave a recital at the Academy Friday night, the 20th. This club is indeed a notable one and deserves the encouragement of the people. The opera house has undergone a change of late which greatly menances the Negro patronage, which is compelled to wait on a narrow passage way until all the white people have passed out. Many have declared their intention of not attending the play-house any more. Rev. J. M. Lewis of Columbia preached an able sermon at New Hope Sunday at 3:30. Rev. S. S. Dawson has commenced a series of meetings at Rev. River's church.

Bluff City Notes.

Eufaula, Ala., Special

Mrs. Elsia Jackson, of Albany, Ga., is in the city. Miss Beatrice Mitchell left Sunday for Tuskegee, Ala., to attend school. Prof. J. W. Fisher is teaching school at Louisville, Ala. Prof. H. H. Williams, of Florence, Ga., was in the city Saturday. Mr. Will Spencer returned to Memphis, Tenn., last week. Subscribe for The Freeman.

THE RACE'S MEET

AT THE SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL CONVENTION, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

THE SHOWER OF ELOQUENCE

Shakes the Universe and the Power Which is Felt by the Thinking Members of Both Races Marks the Dawning of a New Era.

Huntsville, Ala., special.—The Southern Industrial convention, a meeting of the most distinguished white men of the Southern States, was held in Huntsville, Ala., October 10 to 14. The discussions embraced both social and economic problems. The Negro race problem was assigned to Prof. Booker T. Washington, Hon. W. A. McCorkle, ex-Governor of West Virginia, and Prof. W. H. Councill, of Normal.

These addresses marked the most important part of the great meeting. When, on Thursday morning, it was announced that Professor Washington had arrived the delegates and visitors to the convention began to crowd into the opera house until it was literally packed.

Professor Washington was introduced as the most remarkable man of our century, and his address was received with genuine enthusiasm. He said in part:

"In all discussion and legislation bearing upon the presence of the Negro in America, it should be borne in mind that we are dealing with a people who were forced to come here without their consent and in the face of most earnest protest. This gives the Negro a claim upon your sympathy and generosity that no other race can possess. Besides, though forced from his native land into residence of a country that was not of his choosing, he has earned his right to the title of American citizen by obedience to law, by patriotism and fidelity and by the mollions which his brawny arm and willing hands have added to the wealth of this country.

"It is a sign of a new era when we can so far forget the past that a convention freed from political influence and selfish motive, composed of the most progressive and intelligent white citizens of our Southern States are wise and brave enough to devote a day to the Negro and his relation to the economic progress of the South. It is well, it is praiseworthy, it is wisdom that you do this. No people ever had so much to gain by the lifting up of a race. No people ever had so much to lose by the degradation of a race.

"In saying what I do to-day, although myself a Negro and an ex-slave, there is no white man whose heart is more wrapped up in every interest of the South and loves it more dearly than is true of myself. The South can have no sorrow that I do not share. She can have no prosperity that I do not rejoice in. She can commit no error that I do not deplore. She can take no step forward that I do not approve.

"Different in race, in color, in history, we can teach the world that although thus differing, it is possible for us to dwell side by side in love, in peace and material prosperity. We can be one, as I believe we will be in a larger degree in the future in sympathy, purpose, forbearance and mutual helpfulness. Let him who would embitter, who would bring strife between your race and mine be accursed in his basket and his store, cursed in the fruit of his body and fruit of the land. No man can seek the elevation of another race without himself being elevated. No man can plan the degradatoin of another race without being himself degraded. The highest test of the civilization of any race is in its willingness to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate.

"The South extends protecting arms and a welcome voice to the foreigner, all nationalities, languages and conditions, but in doing this I pray that you do not forget the black man at your door whose habits you know, whose fidelity you have tested. You may make of others larger gatherers of wealth, but you can not make of them more law-abiding, useful and God-fearing people than the Negro who has been by your side for three centuries, and whose toil in forest, field and mine has helped to make the South the land of promise and glorious possibility.

"Before we can make much progress we must decide whether or not the Negro is to be a permanent part of the South. With the light that is before us I have no hesitation in declaring that the great bulk of the Negro population will permanently abide in your midst. Any hesitation, any halting or doubting as to the permanent residence of the race will work infinite harm to the industrial and economic interests of both races. Here he came in paganism; here he found the religion of Christ. Here he came in barbarism; here he found civilization. Here he came with untrained hands; here he found industry. If these centuries of contact with the white American has done this, can you not trust to the wise Creator, aided by the efforts of the Negro himself, and your guidance, to do the remainder? At this point are you willing to cease your efforts and turn the work over to others for completion? Your duty to the Negro will not be fulfilled till you have made of him the highest type of American citizen, in intelligence, industry, usefulness and morality.

"But if the South is to go forward and not stand still, if she is to teach the highest reward from her wonderful resources and keep abreast of the progress of the world, she must reach that point without needless delay where she will not be continuously advertising to the world that she has a race question to settle. * * * We must arrive at that period where the great fundamental questions of good roads, education of farmers, agriculcultural and mineral development, manufacturing and industrial and public school education will be in a larger degree the absorbing topics in our political campaigns. * * * In the evolution of the South it seems to me that we have reached that period where private philanthropy and the Christian church of the white South should in a larger degree share directly in the elevation of the Negro. In saying this I am not unmindful of nor ungrateful for what has already been done by individuals and through public schools.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

"For years all acknowledged that the South has suffered from the low price of cotton because of overproduction. The economic history of the world teaches that an ignorant farming class means a single crop, and that a single crop means too often low price from overproduction or famine from underproduction. The Negro constitutes the principal farming class of the South. So long as the Negro is ignorant in head, unskilled in hand, unacquainted with labor saving machinery, so long will he confine himself to a single crop, and overproduction of cotton will result. So long as this is true will you be bound in economic fetters. You will be hugging the bear while crying for some one to help you let go. Every man, black or white, in the South with his crop mortgaged, in debt at the end of the year, buying his meat from Iowa, his corn from Illinois, his shoes from New York, his clothing from Pennsylvania, his wagon from Indiana, his plow from Massachusetts, his mule from Missouri and his coffin from Ohio—every individual thus situated is a citizen who is not producing the highest results for his State. If is argued that the South is too poor to educate such an individual so as to make him an intelligent producer, I reply that the South is too poor not to educate such an individual. Ignorance is many fold more costly to taxpayers than intelligence. Every black youth that is given training of hand, strength of mind, so that he is able to grasp the full meaning and responsibility of the meaning of life, so that he can go into some forest and turn the raw material into wagons and buggies, becomes a citizen who is able to add to the wealth of the State and to bear his share of the expenses of education and government. Do you suggest that this can not be done? I answer that it is being done every day at Tuskegee and should be duplicated at a hundred places in every Southern State. This I take to be the white man's burden just now; no, no, not his burden—his privilege, his opportunity, to give the black man sight, to give him strength, skill of hand ,light of mind, and honesty of heart. Do this, my white friends, and I will paint you a picture that shall represent the future partly as the outcome of this industrial convention and will represent the land where your race and mine dwells. Fourteen slaves brought into the South a few centuries ago, in ignorance, superstition and weakness, are now a free people, multiplied into many millions; they are surrounded, protected, encouraged, educated in hand, head and heart, given the full protection of the law, the highest justice meted out to them through courts and legislative enactment; they are stimulated and not oppressed, made citizens and not aliens, made to understand by word and act that in proportion as they show themselves worthy to bear responsibilities the greatest opportunities will be given them. I see them loving you, trusting you, adding to the wealth, the intelligence, the renown of each Southern commonwealth. In turn, I see you confiding in them, ennobling them, beckoning them on to the highest success, and we have all been made to appreciate to the full that—

"'The slave's chain and the master's
alike are broken;
The one curse of the races held both in
in tether.
They are rising, all are rising,
The black and the white together.'"

One of the most remarkable incidents of the day was the magnificent address delivered by former Gov. W. A. McCorkle, a Democrat, of West Virginia. This remarkable man, who has himself come up through poverty and trial to full recognition by sheer force of personal worth, made a plea for the Negro which will not soon be forgotten by those who heard him. He emphasized in stentorian tones the proposition enunciated by Principal Washington, namely, that if the Southern States are intent and determined upon disfranchising the Negro that the only manly and proper thing is a restriction upon the ballot that shall be impartially and honestly enforced without regard to the race, the color or the condition of the voter. Some of the Southern States in their mistaken madness have essayed to deprive the Negro of his vote, and have not even held out the encouragement of the franchise after intelligence and property have been secured. Governor McCorkle scored this infamy in suitable terms. He declared, even as Principal Washington did in his address, that no question can be permanently settled until it is settled right. He emphasized again and again that the white South owed it not only to itself, but to the Negro as well, to provide every opportunity for the securing of an education and the material helping of the Negro.

It was a brave thing to do and the encouraging part of it was the hearty applause which these sentiments elicited. White men, representatives of all that is best in Southern life, high in Southern official and business relations, gave of their heartiest applause to this pronouncement. Governor McCorkle has taken a stand which must of necessity draw others unto him and great gain has been made when men of this stamp are willing to openly declare that the time has come for makeshift policies in dealing with the Negro to give way to a Christian, statesmanlike treatment of the great problem pressing so hard for solution. Principal Washington discussed the Negro and his economic relation to the South, and not the matter of the franchise, as some newspapers have declared. His position of the franchise question was stated fully and frankly in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for August, and the position therin taken was buttressed by Governor McCorkle in his brilliant speech.

After the address of ex-Gov. W. A. McCorkle, one of the fairest to the Negro ever made by a Southern white man, Prof. W. H. Councill was introduced. He was greeted with great applause, and he spoke in part as follows:

"This is an occasion of supreme importance and special privilege to the Negro of the South. There can be no better proof of your friendly feeling and interest in my race than your cordial invitation to participate in this most important gathering in the South since the war of 1861.

"I do not ask for the Negro the supreme right to rule, but the God-given privilege to do an honest day's labor. The man who counts me out at the ballot box may defeat the evil schemes of selfish politicians. But the man who counts me out of an equal and fair chance to earn a dollar robs me of my birthright, sends the wolf to my door and digs a grave for my wife and children. The Negro of the South enjoys blessings unknown to his brethren in any other part of our American Union. To him there are no Panas, no Rockfords, nor Cartersville. Indeed, as he views every industry controlled by Southern men, he can say, in the language of the DeFoe's hero, 'I am monarch of all I survey.' No old slaveholder has ever yet fallen so low that he would shoot to death Negroes begging for a chance to earn bread.

"The guns which in 1861 were claimed to be fired for my freedom, today, when I as a freeman, seek work, pour their deadly volleys into my body. As I observe the labor troubles of the North, as I see the terrible opposition to Negro labor in the North, East and West, as I note the stubborn prejudice which Northern workmen are bringing into the South, I am more and more thoroughly established in my conclusion that the Negro's best friend is the South. We have a common battle against a common enemy. The South must fight misrepresentation, based on industrial antipathy, a kind of commercial conspiracy; and the Negro, side by side with Southern men, led on by Southern men, must fight more bravely and in a more noble cause than he did at San Juan, where the only heroes were the ex-slaves, led by their ex-master—the dauntless ex-Confederate, General Joseph Wheeler. Let us follow the leaders of the Southern industrial army and success will perch upon our banners, and prosperity, like 'wingless victory,' will abide with us forever.

"The battle has begun. The iniquitous labor unions coming down on the South bearing the head of the Medusa of caste, from which drop hissing serpents and poisonous asps, have decreed the death of the industrial Negro. The result will depend upon the Negro's attitude toward the South and his skill, competency and faithfulness. There is no more iniquity, no more throttling of individual rights in a sugar trust than in a labor trust. No more crime in a 'corner' on wheat than a 'corner' on labor. There is no more virtue in labor unions than in bankers' unions. Three million wage earners of the South simply ask to be protected from unjust discrimination in the industries of the South. Protect us and we will build as our fathers did for you.

I want my race to learn the hardest lessons of labor, for thereby may it have that continued existence which labor brings regardless of denominational creeds, or the defeats and triumphs of political parties.

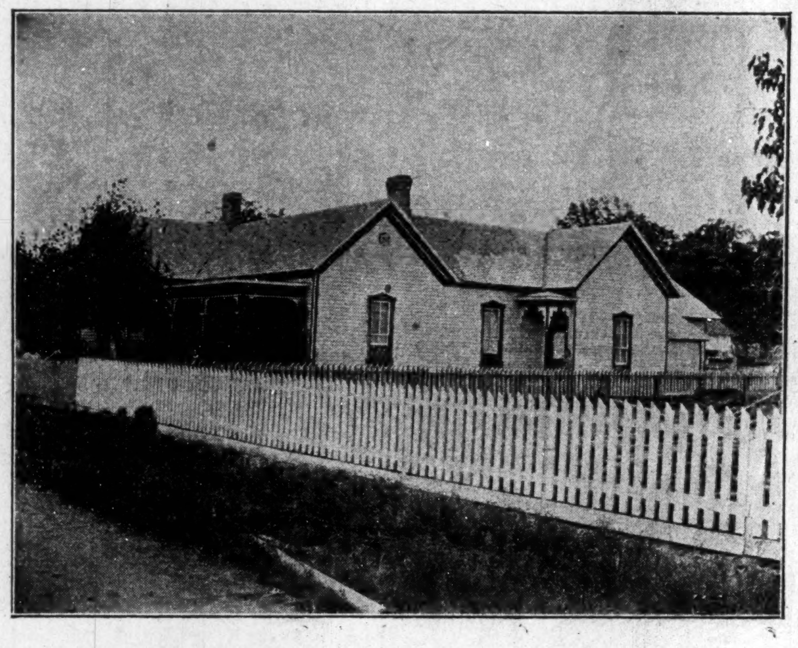
"The cruel, costly experiment with Negro voters, without the exercise of their will, has hurt the Negro far more that it has injured the white South. It kept up a harassing friction which often provoked bloodshed, and to-day is the cancer which can be cured only by further patience and toleration on your part and the infusion of the new blood which the Negro must get from a higher conception of citizenship, a broader view of the dignity of labor and man's humble service of man. All the years of that heartless experiment in politics the Negro has fought as 'one that beateth the air,' accomplishing nothing, while in the industrial world higher rewards than he has already won awaited him, and at his weary feet lay the diadem sparkling with gems of success which honest oil in the industrial South would place upon his brow. But at last the scales are falling from his eyes, the prodigal, long drunk on new liberty, now turns soul and muscle to more profitable fields. He recognizes his co-responsibility for present conditions. He is unlearning the well taught lessons of hate and is now grateful for the rich legacy of labor and opportunity transmitted by previous conditions, which he enjoys with the South's good will.

"I deny that the South is opposed to the higher education of the Negro. It supports more than thirty colleges and universities for Negroes. But it emphasizes the value of industrail education for both races, setting a premium upon good, efficient labor whereby the masses may be exalted. Throughout the South the gallant men who left their footprints in blood over the snow-covered hills of Virginia following General Lee's tattered banners to Appomattox are just as devoted to all the people of the South, white and Negro, as they were to that 'lost cause' which was highest in their hearts. By the aid of these men the Negro will blot out his remaining illiteracy, lessen the number of criminals, normalize his morality, build up his fortunes and again take his stand among men of integrity and industry."

These addresses bore fruit. The convention passed resolutions in which it is urged that the Negro be given the same opportunity to labor and to receive education that is granted the white people, and that an educational standard of citizenship that will apply equally to both whites and blacks be adopted in all the Southern States.

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

Huntsville, Ala.



MR. AND MRS. MILLER'S RESIDENCE. ATHENS ALABAMA.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Athens Ala., is one of the prettiest and neatest homes in Athens and is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Miller is a tonsorial artist and has accumulated considerable property and money by "sticking" to his trade.

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C. H. Harris,

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Two thousand unionized Negro oyster shuckers have struck at Norfolk, Va.

The A. V. M. college at West Side, Miss., began its fall term with an enrollment that breaks all previous records.

Rev. Dr. S. T. Clanton of New Orleans, La., has accepted the Chair of Higher Mathematics in Western University at Macon, Mo.

Eugene Reid, colored and the Straight-out Republican candidate for alderman, was recently elected to this office in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The National Congress of Mothers, that was organized in Washington three years ago will hold its next meeting in Des Moines, Iowa next spring.

Upon the invitation of a delegation from Quinn Chapel, an A. M. E. church of Chicago, President McKinley attended the same, and spoke a few words of greeting to the large congregation assembled.

Another blind musician has made his appearance. His name is Harris, and he hails from an obscure town in Mississippi. It is said that he is not the equal of Blind Tom or of Boone, but he performs well and displays gifts that are truly remarkable.

Prof. T. Justien De Clelland, superintendent of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Institute of Danville, Ill., has purchased the Conservator of Chicago, Ill., and has changed the paper from a folio to sixteen pages, the size of the national weeklies. The change is a decided improvement.

It is not generally known that a Negro owns a whole Georgia town, but such is a fact. Mr. Adam Dixon, of Queenland, Ga., owns the entire town. He is 75 years old. Mr. Dixon owns 2,300 acres of land. He is still active and it is worth any one's time to listen to that gentleman talk of the long ago.

The will of Mrs. Horace H. Gray, late of Binghampton, N. Y., has been admitted to probate. Among other bequests was one of $15,000 to Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, to be expended for the Morristown Normal Academy and school for colored people at Morristown, Tenn.

The spirit of organization is talking fast hold of the colored worker. In Baltimore the white-washers have formed a union to prevent price-cutting. There the 37,000 buildings in that city in which more or less whitewashing is done every season, and the wielders of the brush talk of having an ordinance passed to license the business.

In Christ Episcopal church at Houston, Texas, quite a commotion occurred. A large class of young ladies and gentlemen were kneeling around the chancel rail preparatory to being confirmed by Bishop Kinsolving, when two Negro girls marched up the aisle, knelt besides the white girls and were confirmed. The congregation had no inkling of what was coming, and a number left the church. Great indignation is felt over the Bishop's action in the matter

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who gave up the position of Secretary of the National Afro-American Council, to accept the Chairmanship of the Anti-Lynching Bureau, has commenced the work of that Bureau in earnest. She has mailed broadcast circular letters, asking for 10,000 persons to enlist themselves in the work of disseminating correct reports throughout the community of the lynchings that happen from time to time any hopes in this way to appeal effectively to the Christian sentiment of the Nation.

The fad for employing white waiters and bellmen in many of the leading clubs, cafes and hotels, is fast dying out. In New England within the last month nearly 40 hotels that have been employing white waiters and paying $30 per month as wages have hired colored men for $25 a month. This is a reduction in the manager's labor expenses, but an increase in the usual pay for colored waiters, who have been getting $20 and $22.

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A NEGRO WITH DIAMONDS.

"I spent my vacation this year fishing on the East Florida coast," said a New Orleans lawyer to a Times-Democrat interviewer, "and among other places I visited was a primitive little settlement north of Cedar Keys. One of the characters of the place is a big mulatto known as 'Diamond Bill,' and I engaged him several times to take me out in his lugger. I saw at once that he had derived his sobriquet from the gaudy jewelry he wore, but when we were out together on the boat I was surprised to note that the gewgaws were all genuine and worth a good deal of money. When I questioned him on the subject he sat down by me on the thwarts and told me an interesting story. It seemed that some years ago he had saved the life of a child that fell overboard from a pleasure yacht, and the mother gave him a small diamond ring. Later on a St. Louis jewerley came to the settlement to fish and told Bill that the ring was worth $75. The luggerman was astonished, and was proportionately impressed with the advantage of diamonds as representing large sums in small compass. "It instantly occurred to him that it would be a good idea to invest his surplus cash in that way and always have it on his person secure from fire or thieves. The jeweler agreed to act as buyer for him, and since then he had gradually acquired his present collection, which consist of three studs, four rings, a large solitaire collar button and a cluster pin, worth altogether at least $3500. Bill is a thrifty darky, and between fishing and tourists does well, but diamond buying has become a mania with him, and he saves every cent he makes for that purpose.—Exchange.

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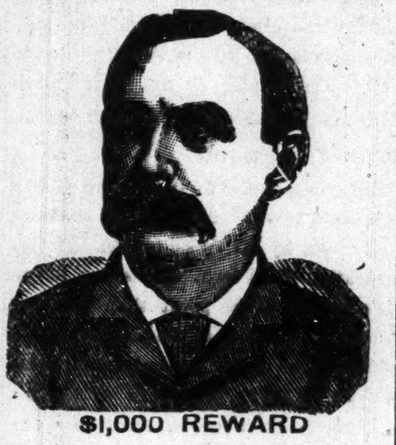

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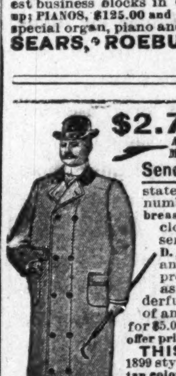

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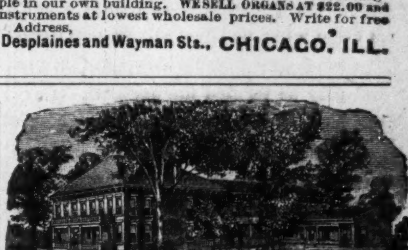

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THE BOERS AND SLAVERY.

The Indianapolis Journal of last Sunday contained a lengthy editorial which had for its object the establishment of the status of the Boers as it pertains to their dealing with the natives.

It is evident that a great many of the race are in a quandary as to where they shall cast their sympathy, as between the British and the Boers in the present war, owing to the heretofore meagre information concerning the relation the native Africans sustained toward the Transvaal government. However at this time it appears that information is not wanting. The following, a reproduction from the Journal, is a part of Mr. Chamberlain's speech made in the House of Commons, Thursday of last week:

"There is one subject not dealt with in the blue books I mean the disgraceful Boer treatment of the natives, unworthy of a civilized power. In 1896 I actually sent a message to sir Hercules Robinson for the Transvaal respecting the treatment of the natives. Then came the Jameson raid and our South African officials decided they could not with propriety present the message. The Boers in their own words, trecked because they wanted to "wallop the niggers."

Mr. Chamberlain owing to his position will of course be set down as a partisan and what he says will be very carefully considered. But not-with-standing what may be termed his partisan views what he says is borne out by the authorities on the situation. It really appears that the Boers trecked, that is moved to their present location because they desired to pursue a more inhuman policy towards the natives. This at first appears a flimsy accusation against the Boers, but history and information from all sources establish the contention beyond sensible contradiction.

Dr. F. V. Engelenburg, editor of the Pretoria publication, in an article in the North American Review says; "It was he Negrophilist agitation which drove the Boers in bitterness of heart beyond the boundaries of Cape Colony." British historians assert that the Colonial Emancipation act of 1837 was the real cause of the great treck. It was not liberty that they sought but an asylumn where they could carry out the iniquitous practice of slavery without hindrance.

History on the subject says:

"The 'Great Trek' or general exodus of the Cape Colony Boers, who being dissatisfied, and especially with the liberal policy of the British government towards the natives, removed northwards in large numbers between the years 1833 and 1837." Again in speaking of the inhabitants: "A considerable number of these natives have abandoned the tribal states and taken service, either freely or by compulsion."

The Indianapolis Journal speaking editorially says:

"The British do not pretend that the present war is one of humanity on their part. They do not pretend that they are engaged in a war to abolish slavery but they cite the Boers treatment of the white outlanders to show that their government is not in touch with modern civilization or progress or with the spirit of the age. This is, at least, a fair offset to the Boers' claim for sympathy on account of their alleged piety and championship of liberty."

And yet there is no reason why the British should not pretend to fight for humanity—the abolition of Slavery. It may be that she is fighting to "preserve the Union," and out of it may grow another emancipation where emancipations ought never to be a necessity. Great Britain is contending for equality of rights for British subjects for which she is renown, yet her well known tenets of equality of mankind are not to be trampled under foot. She should be humanely concerned about the natives in her domain and sustain her well known tradition, that the air of the British Empire is too pure for a slave to breathe.

Mr. James Bryce the well known political economist speaks very discouragingly of the Boers. Their habits are not compatible with the latter day civilization. He speaks of them as Nomads—wanderers—living in tents often and often without shelter at all, going hither and thither in quest of pasturage for their herds. "They dislike and despise the Kaffirs."

Dr. David Livingstone says:

"They felt agrieved by their supposed losses in the emancipation of their Hottentot slaves and a determination to erect themselves into a republic, in which they might pursue without molestation, the proper treatment of the 'proper treatment of the blacks.' It is almost needless to add that the 'proper treatment' has always contained in it the essential element of slavery, namely compulsory unpaid labor."

In the language of the Journal;

"They not only enslaved those whose country they had appropriated but they made forays against neighboring tribes to capture cattle and children who were used as domestic servants."

Speaking further, Livingstone says;

"The new species of slavery which the Boers have adopted serves to supply the lack of field labor only. The demand for domestic servants must be met by forays on tribes which have good supplies of cattle. The Portugese can quote instances in which the blacks have become so degraded by strong drink as actually to sell themselves; but never in any one case within the mamory of man has a Bechuna chief sold any of his people, or a Bechuna man his child. Hence the necessity for a foray to seize chilnren. And those individual Boers who would not engage in it for the sake of slaves can seldom resist the two fold plea of a well-told story of an intended uprising of the devoted tribe and the prospect of handsome pay in the division of the captured cattle business.

During that time no winter passed without one or two tribes in the east country being plundered of both cattle and children by the Boers. The plan pursued is as follows. One or two friendly tribes are foreed to accompany a party of mounted Boers, and these expeditions can be got up only in the winter when horses may be used without danger of being lost by disease. When they reach the tribe to be attacked the friendly natives are ranged in front to form as they say "a shield;" the Boers then cooly fire over their heads till the devoted people flee and leave cattle, wives and children to the captors. This was done in nine cases during my residence in the interior, and on no occasion was a drop of Boer blood shed.

In the language of the court the evidence is all in, at least so far as the arraignment of the Boers is concerned. Until other information comes to their relief their is but one verdict and that is, that, they are pursuing an inhumane policy towards the ignorant natives such has never been dreamed of.

They are totally void of conscience when the natives are the theme. They not only enslave but plunder those whose services they do not need. It is to be hoped that Great Britain may righten these wrongs of generations of endurance and not confine her efforts to the establishment of equality for Britons merely.

Let Majuba Hill be avenged repeatedly until the spirit of humiliation teach these haughty Boers to recognize the brotherhood of mankind as well as the God of battle.

The Voice of Missions, Bishop Turner's orgain, rails against newspaper made Bishops. It may know what it is talking about; but the consensus of newspaper opinions about the fitness of an individual will compare very favorably with the opinion gleaned from any other source. The newspapers are in touch with the people in every sense; religiously, socially and politically. The unbiased verdict is generally from the people. They are not deceived in long periods. The man with a card up his sleeve is the individual to be watched.

Mr. Washington speaking at Huntsville, Ala., said that schools like Tuskegee should be all over the South. They need them quite as much at the North. The Northerners think they don't, but they do.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL CONVENTION.

The late Southern Industrial Convention, recently held at Huntsville, Ala., in which Booker T. Washington, Gov W. A. McCorckle of Virginia and W. H. Councill participated, has called forth very much favorable comment. It is a very hopeful sign when it is noted that the thoughtful men of either race are aroused to the gravity of the racial situation and lend their endeavors and influence towards arriving at a common understanding.

In that conference Washington as usual gave his timely words of wisdom. He says: "If it is argued that the South is too poor to educate such an individual, so as to make him a producer, I reply that the South is too poor not to educate such an individual. Ignorance is many fold more costly to tax-payers than intelligence. Every black youth that is given training of hand, strength of mind, so that he is able to grasp the full meaning and responsibility of life, so that he can go into some forest and turn the raw material into wagons and buggies, becomes a citizen who is able to add to the wealth of the state and to bear his share of the expenses of education and government."

If success comes to the Negro race in America; it will come along the lines laid down by Mr. Washington. In this education the Negro masses are not to be educated to the point that produces unrest, but simply to the point where he will fit the niche present circumstances dictate.

Like the chambered nautilus he is to a great extent the architect of his own fate. He can grow in his appointed sphere until it no longer affords sufficient space, but he must play his part well in consonance with the law of the eternal fitness of things in order to escape the low vaulted conditions.

All things do not come to those who wait, but to those who wait and work. The law of destiny is not a law unto itself or of itself; it is always modified with conditions. Hence it is folly to expect that the great expected may come by trusting to some abstract force. The statement, that God is on the side of the heaviest artillery will to some extent illustrate what is meant by destiny.

The speech of Hon. W. A. McCorkle the Democratic governor of Virginia will be hailed as a happy omen. He is a firm believer in the principles enunciated by Mr. Washington. He stands opposed to disfranchisement laws that are intended solely for Negroes. He feels that if such laws are meant for the elevation of citizenship generally, striking all alike, that there could be no objection to them. The governor's remarks were greatly appreciated and they would have been appreciated by any audience that had the good of the races and the sections at heart.

Prof. W. H. Councill who stand with Washington, in the same kind of work gave wholesome advice to the races that may well be heeded. His experience in his section eminently fits him as a counsellor and an adviser in race matters. He has not much sympathy with movements that seek to establish Negroes as the ruling classes; but rather desires that the Negro be allowed the privilege of earning his daily bread in peace whenever he can and wherever he can. He sees no virture in unions of laboring men if they stand opposed to the possibilities of Negroes in securing a livelihood. He referred to Pana, Cartersville and Rockford, of infamous memory as illustrative of combinations of individuals bent on seeing that material prosperity was reduced to a minimum as it concerns the Negroes.

It may be stated as a principle of political economy that the masses as a rule but reflect the sentiment of the leaders. Get the leaders right and it will tend to leaven the masses.

This getting right is applicable to leaders on either side. Washington is right, McCorkle is right, Councill is right. But there are those who are posing as leaders who think they are right. Bishop Turner for instance may be right in his contention for abstract right, but he never for a moment discusses the philosophy of the situation. He reckons not with the conditions but forever harps upon the theory—what ought to be. Others are as devoted race-lovers and promoters, but they are not blind to the forces surrounding.

The A. M. E. Church Review, the quarterly publication is out. It is, as usual complete with excellent articles from the pens of colored men and women who rank high in the intellectual world. Indianapolis is well represented in the person of Mrs. Gertrude A. Mahorney who has an excellent translation from the German of Tieck. It is a beautiful story entitled Christmas Eve. Miss Mahorney is a teacher of German in the public schools. She enjoys the distinction of being the only colored person who has taught any of the languages in the schools. She is unassuming and exceedingly genteel in her manners. She wears her degree of A. B. with an ease that is in keeping with her very beautiful life.

Governor Candler, of Georgia, whose likeness appears in this issue has had an extremely trying time as governor of his state. While it has been difficult to locate him in his attitude towards Negroes yet his latest utterances indicate that he should be taken from the doubtful list and classed as the Negroes friend. He feels that Northern political agitators have been to a great extent responsible for the racial friction in that state. The governor is in a position to know. At any rate we are proud enough to enroll his name on humanity's side.

There is no reason why a school like Booker T. Washington's should not be established in this community. There is but very little difference in the sections when it comes to the class of employment. The surplus "material" floating about giving trouble should be employed.

Let the British clean out the Boers and give them an occasion to treck once more. Let them treck and be—hanged.

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, who was secretary of the interior under Cleveland has subscribed for The Freeman. Mr. Smith desires to be informed as to racial matters or else he wishes to patronize Negro Institutions. Either motive is good enough. Now is the time to subscribe.

There are too many idle Negro boys on the streets. There are too many big fellows carrying boot-blacking kits; It is not necessary.

Perhaps Bishop Turner may desire to go to the Transvaal, where they treck when they can not thrash the "niggers."

News Items.

Mineola, Tex., Sp cial.

The weather is very pleasant here. No frost has fallen yet. Mr. J. Williams is an excellent cook. R. T. Taylor is now editor of the Western Star at Houston. Cotton, which has been selling at 7c. has fallen to 6¾c. Abe Templeton of Greenville has been in the city for some time. Prof. R. M. Jones reads The Freeman regularly. Sandy Anderson is agent for The Freeman and will take your order for same. Read The Freeman and keep posted.

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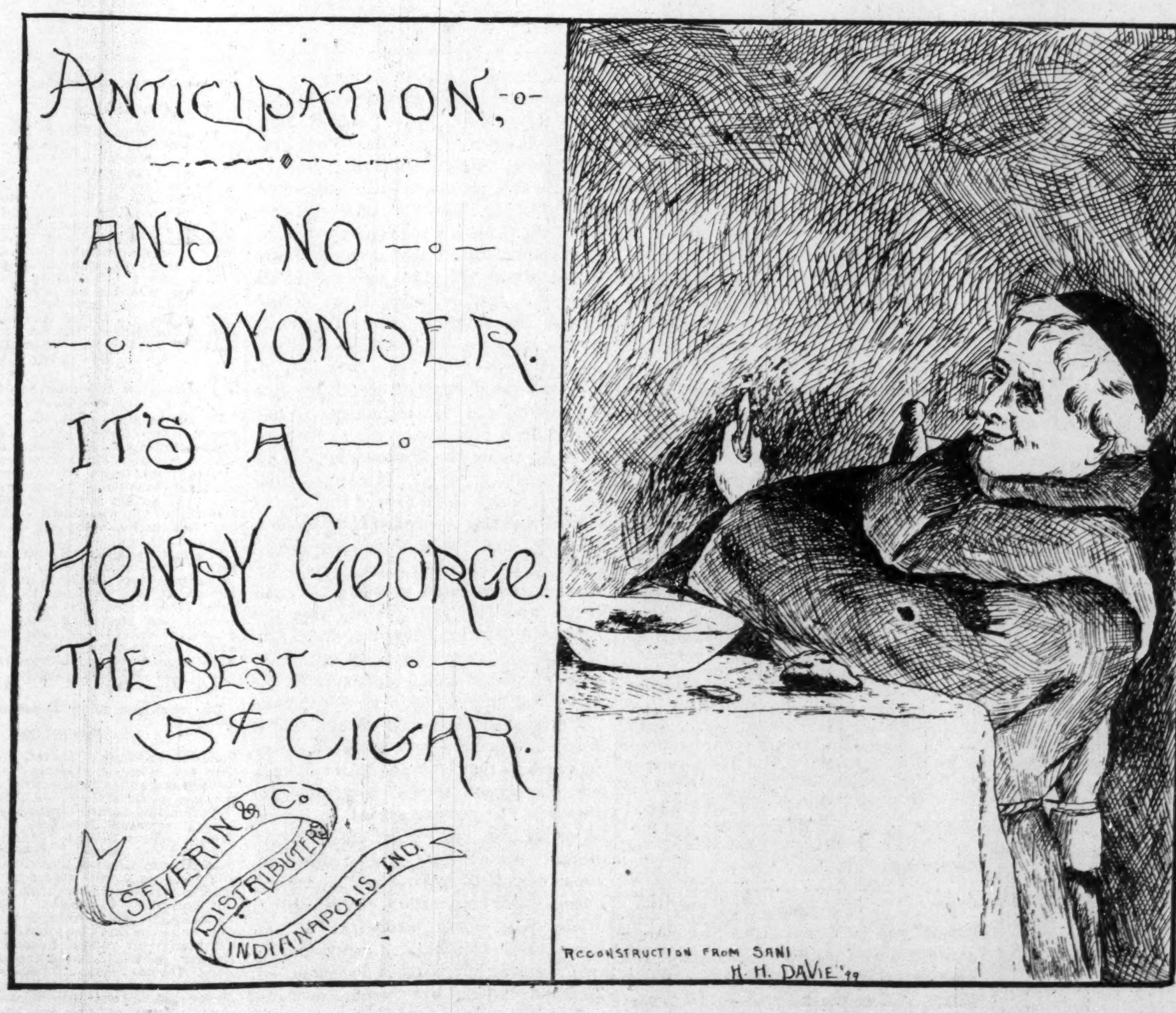

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The big four Housely Bros., send regards to John Rucker.

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James White and Clarence Powell, answer "Crackers" letter.

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To Pittman, "I thought you said you was a friend of mine—Craig."

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Joe Dobbins sends regards to Simpson & Pittman, and Bob Thompson.

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John Jackson sends regards to Lloyd Cooper and all St. Louis friends.

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The Averys—Dan and Lizzie—have closed with the Black Patti Troubadours

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John Eason sends best regards to the McCarver Bros., also to Simpson and Pittman.

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Al E. Holman, A. L. Mason and John W. Barr were made K. of P's while in Chicago.

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Joe Pleasant sends regards to Oscar Cameron and W. T. Overby with the Georgia's No. 2.

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Walter Mitchell sends regards to Marsh Craig, Jas. Lacy and all members of the No. 1 company.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Simpson sends regards Mr. and Mrs. Al Watts, and says: "We hear about you, and wish you success."

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Clarence (piccolo) Jones sends regards to the Four Housleys, Fred Simpson, Frank Patrick and Billy Porter.

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Arthur L. Prince, slack wire artist and trombone soloist, is with the Big Orpheum Theatre Star Specialty Co.

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Harry Reed, of McCarver Reed and McCarver sends regards to friends and says he is still doing the head spin act.

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Chas. R. Parker sends regards to Jas. Lacy, Frank Patrick, Joe Dobbins, Albert Stokes, James Osborne and all Buffaloes.

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Simpson & Pittman are still great favorites with the immense audiences that nightly flock to see the Famous Georgia Minstrels.

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The Chop Suey Comedy Four—Holman, Johnson, Mason and Rivers are making a hit nightly with their new act with Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.

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Dick Thomas the Naptoroon comique is still receiving his share of encores nightly, telling the audience how to "Kill it Babe." Regards to Sid Perrin, S. H. Dudley, H. L. Gilliam and all friends.

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Nettie M. Barnett is playing the role of Topsy, in the Ed F. Davis' Uncle Tom's Cabin company. Having joined the company at Greensburg, Ind., Oct. 15. She sends kindest regards to all friends.

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Arthur L. Prince, of the Orpheum Theatre Co., has signed with Lowery & Green's Improvod Negro Minstrels, owing to an old song that was sung a few days ago: "Why Don't You Get a Lady of Your Own."

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J. Ed. Green, theatrical representative of The Freeman was shown through the printing departments of the Dallas Express and the Item, while in Dallas and was very much impressed with the success of the journals and the kind treatment accorded him by their editors Messrs. King and Griffin.

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Billy and Madrid Jackson, the black delineators of comedy and fun, have just closed a successful four weeks' engagement over the Kohl Castle and Hopkins circuit in Chicago, and will open for four weeks on the Keith circuit, commencing Dec. 11, at the Bijou Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The famous Fountain City Quartette—Messrs. Jos. Jeannette, A. Brown, J. R. Glover and W. S. Green are still making a big hit with the "Suwanee River" company. At Iron Mountain, Mich., they were compelled to take nine encores snd made four bows. They are featuring Paul Dresser's latest ballad: "That's Where My Heart is To-night." They send regards to all K. of P's and Buffaloes.

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Billy Jackson, of the Jacksons, is the author of the following song hits: "Hen Roost Inspector," "That Coon Got Lucky Mighty Soon," "My Mobile Nell" "Coon, That's Noise to Me." "Miss Green, the Queen," "My Gal Done Quit at Last." "My Little Mobile Queen," "Coon, You Have Done Me Wrong," "I Hope So, My Darling," "When Dew-drops Cease to Fall." "I Wonder Why Them Coons Don't Treat Me Right" and "She's a Girl of Mine."

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Miss Lillie Garay scored a big hit in Chicago at Hopkins' Theatre, last week. Especially good was her renditions of "Give Me Back Them Clothes," "I Am Sorry That I Fell Out With My Baby," "All I Can Do To Keep My Hands Off of You." She sends best regards to the members of the Famous Georgia Minstrels, and says: "No more for me. I can't fix up the bridge, for it is done broke down and the streak is gone. Oh! Well, there'll come a time."

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Notes from Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.:—"After spending a vacation of ten days in Chicago, we resumed our places with the above company. The company now carries thirty-six people, two bands, white and colored, and a female drum and fife corps. The colored members are Al and Mamie Holman, Ollie B. Rivers and wife, Miss Pearl Goings, A. L. Mason, Joe Kelly, W. H. Flanner, Walter Smith, John W. Barr F. Nathan Warner, Alex Johnson, and Pearle Hunster.

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Notes from P. G. Lowery's Vaudeville company:—"The great Forepaugh-Sells Bros'. Shows will close the most successful season Nov. 18, in the history of the show. Lowery's Vaudeville company and concert band has proved such a success that Mr. Lowery next season will also put on the concert in the 'big top.' There will be fifteen people in the band, and the concert and vaudeville people will number ten people, making twenty-five people in all.' Madison Square Garden will get the first show of the coming season. P. G Lowery sends regards to Simpson & Pittman, Julius Glenn, Geo. Bailey and James White.

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Notes from Mahara's Carnival—"We are now in the sunny South, and playing to a pleasing business. At Shreveport, Monroe and Alexandria we turned 'em away, and in the meantime our comedians and entertainers won new laurels, and left no stones unturned. Miss Lelia and Master Preston Scotte, of Vicksburg, paid their brother C. J. Scotte, a visit at Monroe, and were highly pleased over their brothers' new venture, and presented Mr. Scotte with a handsome set of covers for their (Malone & Scotte) musical stands. Albert Fredericks, trombonist and double bass, of Greenville, joined us in Jonesboro, Ark.

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Notes from the Melroy, Chandler & Co., Minstrels—Messrs. Chandler, Garrett, Melroy and Payne, the proprietors and managers of the above named show have concluded to cancel our western and northwestern dates and play the company into St Louis, in order to better equip the company with a swell and standard uniform for the street, also a unique costume for Major Payne's original and unique first part, and to make some material changes in the company. The company was a decided success for one week at the Wonderland, St. Joe, Mo. The show caught on from start to finish. Wm. Fester took advantage of our weeks sojourn while in St. Joseph and had and operation performed on his throat."

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Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels—"We are now in the State of Kansas for a short tour, the State where they say, that "money grows on trees," and as we opened in Leavenworth, Oct. 22, to standing room, money must grow on trees or bushes, for the people will certainly dig up money to see the Georgias. Our illustrious proprietor, Mr. Holland is with the company for a few days, also our agent Mr. Woods is with us. The health of the company is perfect, and the weather has been all that could be desired. We met the Melroy, Chandler & Co., minstrels during our engagement at St. Joe, and there were many hearty hand shakings and well wishes when we parted."

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Oriental Troubsdours notes—"Our season has opened with a rush, and our first week has been very successful. The show is giving complete satisfaction, all members showing a marked improvement after a two-weeks rest. Miss Emma Baynard, the favorite soprano, is a top-notcher as a descriptive soloist; Wm. A. Baynard creates a sensation with his piano specialty; Nettie Taylor is a wonderful performer on the mandolin, banjo and cornet; C. H. Puggsley, Southern tenor and Geo V. Barrette, excelsior baritone always come in for a lion's share of the applause; Salem Tutt Whitney's lion basso and refined humor wins for him many rounds of applause and and repeated encores. There are always others, but we think we are 'There! There! There!' Look for us in the Xmas number of The Freeman."

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I want to say, I'm still with the Big Minstrel Festival, we "clean up" everywhere we go. Its a strange thing to me to hear so many mouth bets about the six G's and the five C's I make on the Eb cornet. The last bet was at Dallas Tex. but the party must have heard the band concert as Mr. W. A. Rusco was standing in the door with $100 in his hand waiting for the stranger to return, but alas no return. I have had white musicians examine my lips to see if I had any rubber in my mouth but none goes. Its just the simple art of lipping the mouth piece that's all. The $100 is for any one that thinks the six G's and five C's is all talk. Get in line, your money on at any time, regardless of color. Regards to friends. Respectfully yours,

SAINT. ELMORE DODD.

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A new enterprise is in the field for theatrical honors, and judging from the years of experience that the new proprietor has had, the roster of brilliant talent that comprises the company and the capital that is invested in the new venture, its success is assured to Mr. Winn—for 'tis no other than the famous Eddie Winn who has embarked in this venture. The troupe will be known as Ed H. Winn's Big Novelty Minstrels, and, the novelty feature is that it is entirely owned by a colored man, and operated completely by himself and a corps of able colored assistants. The roster of the company is as follows: Ed. H. Winn, proprietor; Sam Corker, business manager; Jesse Shipp, stage manager; Louis Gamble, band leader; Will Jackson, orchestra leader; Chas. Avant, property man; Albert Jaxon, advance agent. McKissac & Williams, Jones & Godbow, and Smith & Ringold. Vocalists James Botts, Zack Ringold, George Hill, Henry Gant, Lemuel Bass, Samuel Hall, Elsie Wimie, and Thos. Williams. Ernest Wagner, baton manipulator. Solo musicians Nathan Carl, Thos. Fletcher, S. F. Foster, Lawrence Winn, Al Robison. The company is now in rehearsal at Pittsburg, Pa., and will take the road Oct. 25, opening at Homestead, Pa. Mr. Winn anticipates a good season, basing his belief upon the fact that the public appreciates an up-to-date article, and he is preparing to give something that is up-to-date and a few minutes ahead. The Donaldson Litho Co., the Massillion Printing and Engraving Co., and the Greve Litho. Co., are furnishing the paper necessary to advertise the attraction.

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Chas. R. Parker of the Oliver Scott's Refined Minstrels, writes:—"We have just finished three very successful weeks in Iowa and one in Nebraska. Everything is running smoothly, in true minstrel style. This is pronounced the finest costumed minstrel show on the road. At Grand Island, Neb., we had a large photo taken of R. N. Thompson's Military Band. We have a swell band uniform so we expect a beautiful photo. Our soloists in the band are Prof. R. N. Thompson, Joe Ricks and John Jackson. Our band concert in the evening is a feature and our manager Mr. Junker pronounces the band all he could wish. We will be in Denver all of next week. Of course the boys are preparing for the big city. James White assisted by the phenomenal boy soprano is making quite a hit singing, "I'd Leave My Happy Home For You?" Harry Creighton our young wire walker and juggler shows improvement and the management is much pleased with his act. Look out for him next season. Our sick list is very small. Ben. F. Moore our interlocutor has been somewhat indisposed but has entirely recovered. Jeffries Bass has suffered with a stiff neck, rather painful but not serious. Everyone else is O. K. and in the best of spirits. Now we sincerely hope that our sick friends with the Georgia, No. 1 are faring allright and we hope that our brother Buffaloes of that famous company will see that they are cared for and should they need our assistance just touch the wire and we will gladly respond. We have several Buffaloes here and hope to have more as soon as we are in a week stand. We are very glad to hear of the success of Parker Lodge in St. Louis as they have a membership of over 100 now. Prof. Thompson and Clarence Powell will soon be led in the mysteries of the forest and roam with the Buffaloes. Regards to all Buffaloes and friends.

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The Black Patti Troubadours played to big business at the Alhambra Theatre Chicago, week of Oct. 15-21. The show made a big hit, being spoken of as much better than last season. The Averys, Kitty Brown and James Gray closed in Chicago. Al Watts is playing the part of Primrose Possum in the first act and making a hit. Mr. Watts and his wife Cecil, are closing the olio with their act which is highly spoken of. James Wilson, the juggler, is playing the waiter, and Judson Hicks the Parson; both doing the parts successfully. The several changes have all been made for the best. Julia Roan, soprano soloist, and Ida Forcen, coon song singer and buck and wing dancer joined us in Chicago. Ida Butler who has just recovered from a severe illness, is around again enjoying better health than ever, and doing creditable work in the buck dance and cake walk. The Meredith Sisters—Pearle and Carrie—are doing a very neat dancing specialty which never fails to bring forth applause and plenty of it. The operatic quintette composed of Chas. Francis, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Gaston Anthony Byrd and Leslie Triplett is a prominent feature of the Operatic Kaleidoscope. Leslie Triplett as the Irish policeman has undoubtedly made a big hit in the character, and contributes largely to the fun of the first-part. No one should call themselves the best in that line, until they have had the opportunity of seeing him play the part, as he does not depend entirely on his make-up, but can both talk and act; the beauty of the whole thing is that he is original which is a very rare thing now-a-days Al and Cecil Watts have the distinction of having worked their way from the second number in a strong olio, to closing the olio. Laura Bailey, the "midget" is making a big hit playing the part of old lady Mrs Silas Goodthing, and is also making the cake walk very interesting. Will Stewart, the human locomotive, in his imitation of the Empire State Express is a feature of the first part, and when he enters the tunnel producing volumes of smoke and sparks from his mouth, he is applauded to the echo. Mattie Phillips was taken ill seriously during the 2nd week in Chicago, and had to be left there under the doctor's care; during the first week and the opening of the second, though sick, she worked until compelled to give up. Mary Lang's sweet contralto voice is heard to good advantage, especially in the opera.

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J. Ed Green, of the Big Minstrel Festival, writes—"At this writing we will have bid farewell to Texasland for this season. Through the Dallas News we have just sadly learned of the death of Gussie L. Davis, our most popular song writer. Each and every member of the company extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and family. Bailey Stewart, the imitator, gets his nightly. 'Irish Bill,' our genial stage carpenter, has been slightly indisposed for the past week, but is at his post at this writing. Madam Kersands makes the usual hit nightly, singing 'Mister, Your Room Rent's Due.' The 'vigilant cross' is on with the company for a few weeks stay, seeing that everyone looks well. Jas. R. (Jube) Johnson, the Texas boy, sends regards to the Misses Blake, Goff and Thornton. The march 'Rusco and Holland' composed by S. E. Dodd and played by the No. 2 band of the company, is the cause of much comment whenever played. The following is the roster of the company: Rusco & Holland, proprietors; W. A. Rusco, manager; C. E. Bray, general agent; Chas. Coleman, assistant agent; W. C. Johnson, stage carpenter; Harry Fidler, stage manager; Jas Lacy, musical director; J. Ed Green, vocal director; Billy Kersands, John Rucker, Bobby Kemp, Howard McCarver, Billy McCarver, Jas. E. Hood, A. J. Smith, Bailey Stewart, Clarence P. Jones, Joe Dobbins, Jno. J. Christian, Allie Brown, Dick Thomas, Elmore Dodd, Tom Cross, Wm. Hedgepath, F. Patterson, Joe Pleasant, Jas. Toomey, Harry Reed, Sam Burns, H. S. Wooten, J. W. Simmons, Al Stokes, Pearl Brewer, John Stewart, E. Stroughter, Jas. Stewart, F. L. Denton, Joe Ravisee, W. C. Craine, Clabourne Williams, George Bailey, W. W. Walker, Robt. Thomas, Russell Roy, Harvey Goodall, Jube Brown, Burt Stewart, Robert Brindley, Marsh Craig, Mrs. W. A. Rusco, Mme Kersands, Mrs. Elmore Dodd, Dora Patterson, Florence Hines, Janette Murphy. Mrs. Harry Fidler, Vida Vaughn; our thoroughbreds Charley, Blossom, Bill, Maude and Queene and our mascot 'Friday' the dog constitutes the number that ride, eat and sleep on our superb train of cars.

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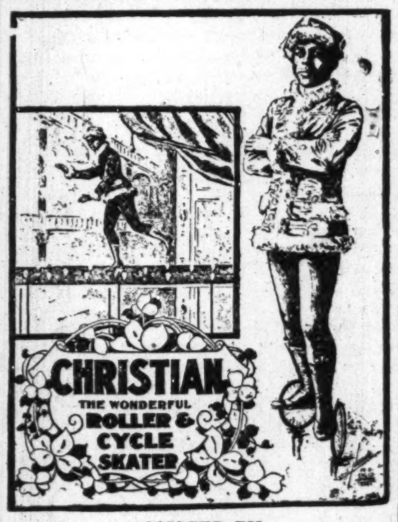

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CHARLES ALEXANDER.

"Shakespear, Homer, Dante, Chaucer saw the splendor of meaning that plays over the visible world; knew that a tree has another use than for apples, and corn another than for meal, and the ball of the earth than for tillage and roads; that these things bore a second and finer harvest to the mind, being emblems of its thoughts and conveying in all their natural history a certain mute commentary on human life." The open fire sings its song, heard song, heard or unheard in all ears. It is the oldest and most primitive of all the forms of service which men exact from nature; but glowing on all hearths and for all sorts and conditions of men, it is always and everywhere transforming the prose of life into poetry, for poetry being the soul of things, is universal. It is only the very highest gifts which as Lowell has said of heaven, are to be had for the asking, to a few are given the shows of rank and the luxury of wealth, but, purity, nobility, and self sacrifice are to be had by every comer. We are all born poets, although so many of us defeat the purpose of nature. For the world produces poetry as naturally and inevitably as a tree bears its blossoms, and we are compelled to close our eyes to avoid seeing that which the imagination must see if it sees at all. It is in what we call common things that poetry hides, and he who cannot it find there cannot find it anywhere. It is absence of the poetic mind, not lack of poetic material, which makes some periods so sterile in imaginative production. When the imagination is powerful and creative, everything turns to poetry—the stranded ship on the bar, the rusty anchor at the wharf the glimpse of cloud at the end of the street, the shout of children at play, the crumbling hut, the work-stained man returning from his task—the whole movement and stir of life in the vast range of common incidents and universal experience. Touch life anywhere with the imagination and it turns into gold, or into something less material and perishable. We live, move, and have our being in the atmosphere of poetry; for every act of sacrifice, every touch of tenderness, every word of love, every birth of aspiration, is so much experience transformed into poetry. Could anything be more commonplace to the mind that has not learned that the commonplace is always an illusion, than the fact that a young girl living in the rural solitude had died? That was the bare fact, the prose rendering; and this is the truth, the poetic rendering:

She dwelt among the untrodden ways
  Beside the springs of Dove;
A maid whom there were none to praise,
  And very few to love.

A violet by a mossy stone
  Half hidden from the eye:—
Fair as a star when only one
  Is shining in the sky.

She lived unknown, and few could know
  When Lucy ceased to be:
But she is in her grave, and, oh,
  The difference to me.

There is a kind of elemental simplicity of feeling, imagery and diction in these brief lines that touches us like the ripple of a brook in the woods. Life has few facts more unadorned than those which furnish the material for these verses, but does imagination flash its mysterious light anywhere in literature more distinctly? The little poem is as quiet simple, solitary as the mountain tarn but it is as deep, and with stars in its depth. It is an illusion that some things are commonplace, some experiences without significance and some lives without vision and beauty. The wood becomes flame, the seed turns into flower, the mist athwart the rays of light is changed into the gold of the evening sky, the hidden and unconscious sacrifice flashes suddenly into one of those deeds which men count for proofs of imortality, the uncouth pleader of the frontier becomes the hero of the "Commemoration Ode." Ladies and gentlemen this is the sum and substance of all that I can say. Good night.

The audience was simply hypnotised into a spell of wonder at the remarkable eloquence of this young southern gentleman, and as Percy bowed his exit off the stage the applause was at once spontaneous. He achieved in that short space of time the honor sought by thousands of ambitious souls and still denied.

To be Continued.

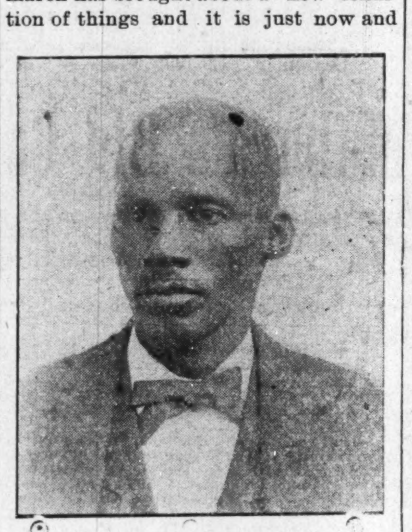
Interesting Items.

Meredian, Miss., Special.

In a few days the weekly Fair Play will sail out on the journalistic sea. The editor and manager will be J. H. Brooks. I. C. Hill lectured on Thursday night, Oct. 19, on the subject "The way of the transgressor is hard." Prof. G. M. Reece was master of ceremonies. D. B. Watkins has returned to the city. Robert Logan's house was destroyed by fire the 10th. The house and furniture were valued at $1,200 partly covered by insurance. Mr. G E. Logan will attend Fisk University this term. Mr. Alex Richardson an aged citizen was accidentally shot Tuesday evening the 10th Dr. J. H. Brooks dressed the wound which is painful but not necessarily fatal. Miss Joanna, Doles of Newton County has returned to the city to attend the Merdian academy. Rev. J. C. Houston preacaed an able sermon at the St. Paul M. E. Church, on Sunday night, 15th, to a large congregation. Miss Elvira Terrell, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Washington on 11th. street for about two months will return to Vicksburg soon. Rev. J. T. Flynn, pastor of Calvary Baptist church on the south-side has been carrying on a revival the past 10 days assisted by Rev. W. H. Parker. Rev. John May preached at New Hope Baptist church Sunday evening at 3 p. m. Oct. 15th. Rev. Joe Morant occupied the sacred rostrum at 8 p. m, Mr. Charlie May and Miss Marinda Slown well known in Meridian, were married at their home on 27nd avenue and 13th st. on Sept. 11 1899. Rev. J. C. Houston, of St. Paul M. E. church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carter of Bailey Miss. were in the city on the 14th. Mr. Wesley Moore spent the 14th in the city on business, C. W. Parish left on the 13th for Mobile Ala. Mr. W. W. Tunchess is now a regular reader of The Freeman. Let others follow.

City Councilman.

Years ago it was an ordinary thing see Negroes holding all kinds of political positions in the South from U. S. Senator down to a district magistrate. Not so now. Father Times in his onward march has brought about a new condition of things and it is just now and



REV. J. M'CLAIN.

then that you see a Negro holding any kind of political position. There are a few however, who are fortunate to squeeze in here and there. Rev. J. McClain, of St. Augustine, Fla., is among some of the fortunate ones. He is city councilman from his ward and has served in this position for quite a while with credit to his race and to his city.

Local Happenings.

Lafayette, Ind. Special.

Miss Hazell B. Thorne, is quite sick of malarial fever. The members of Garrison Commandary No. 13, Knights Templars are busy just now preparing to entertain the grand conclave next year. They are taking time by the forelock and say that they shall entertain in grand style Mr. Charles McDonald served with much credit on the police force during the Business Men's Carnival, last week. Mr. Surento Calicot has refurnished his barbershop and it now presents a very handsome appearance. He is doing a very paying business. His customers while they wait have the pleasure of reading The Freeman.

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Editor The Freeman:—Your notice of the expiration of my subscription to The Freeman came duly into my hands a few days ago, and in reply to same would state that The Freeman has become such a welcome weekly visitor until to exist without it is quite an annoying and undesirable task, hence I herewith enclose a $1 bill to pay subscription from date until Oct. 1900. I remain your value receiving subscriber.

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Grand Lake, Ark.

DOCTOR EDNA

The whole world, or rather his world, knew what had come to young Dr. Channing in the last three years. Reared in luxury, he found himself one bright morning penniless and alone. His father died and from every quarter of the globe, it seemed to young Channing, creditors came forth, but he paid out to the last dollar, the last cent and came through as one of his friends put it, a ruined but an honest man.

But the question of Dr. Edna Stapleton as to what he had been doing with himself while she was abroad did not embarrass him in the least.

"I? Oh, the siren we call Fate has not sung a very pleasant song for me lately, but I really believe the lesson she has compelled me to learn has been beneficial to me. I hope so, at least."

"That is well," she replied. "You have not given me time to congratulate you, but you must allow me to now. Why was your wife not at Mrs. Staunton's last night?"

An amused expression came to Dr. Channing's face.

"Oh," she said, "did you think I didn't know? We always got the home papers while we were abroad, and I saw the announcement of your marriage over a year ago, wasn't it? I remember just what we all said when we read it. Cousin Harry said: 'Channing caught at last!' and Edith said: 'Who caught him?' and I said"——

"Yes," said Channing, leaning forward, "what did you say?"

"Well, we were at breakfast, and in addition to asking for some more cream for my coffee—we were at Berlin that year, and they never gave me as much cream as I liked—I said that the man who had married Bessie Arnold had excellent taste. Although I did not know her intimately, I had met her several times and remembered what a sweet face she had."

Channing's face fell a bit. "If she did not look quite so cool and unconscious," he thought.

"Thank you. I am glad you know my wife even so slightly, and hope you will know her better some day. Only those who know her well understand her, for she has a heart and soul in perfect harmony with the face you call sweet."

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That afternoon Edna received a telegram. It read:

"You are wanted professionally at St. John. Dr. Channing seriously hurt, Shot accidentally. Come on next train.

"FRED HASWELL."

"Hello, Edna; you here? You didn't think this morning you would be sent for to patch me up, did you?" Channing's voice was very weak from loss of blood and the intense pain he was bearing. "Come around here, and tell me if I must either die or lose my arm?"

Edna's face was as white as the one on the pillow as she made the necessary examination. "I think, Dr. Channing," she said at last, "that with skillful nursing you will get well and will not lose your arm, either."

Dr. Griswold changed his positio[n] "Are you going to abide by what t[he] woman says?" he asked.

"Yes, that is why I sent for her."

EDNA LOOKED AT HER WATCH.

"In that case we are not needed any longer," and the two gentlemen of pills and potions took their departure. Edna looked at her watch and reached for the hat and jacket she had taken off. Channing's eyes had not left her face.

"What are you going to do?" he asked.

"Telegraph for your wife and a trained nurse."

"You'll do nothing of the kind. I haven't got any wife, and never will have unless you marry me, and Fred Haswell can send for the nurse—you are going to stay here. How am I to know I won't die the minute you are out of my sight?"

It was a rare tonic to the wounded man to see the flush of joy struggling with the look of surprise on her face.

"But Frank, I saw"——

"You saw that a man named Frank Channing married some woman whose name was not Edna Stapleton, but thank God I was not the man."

"And you said something on the train this morning about your wife."

"I meant my wife that was to be, for, Edna, you are going to marry me just as sure as I live."

And she did.—Condensed from Woman's Home Companion.

Wolves Carry Off Human Prey.

News has been received in Lucknow of the depredations of a pack of wolves in a village a few miles out. Among other acts, one of them carried off a little baby, but on being chased the beast dropped the infant, which unfortunately died. A party of sahibs arrived with their guns, and when they heard of what had happened they suggested that the child should be left where it lay in hopes that its destroyer might return and be awarded a just penalty for his misdeed. The parents, who were bitterly grieved and anxious for revenge on the vulpine beast, consented to the arrangement, and the sahibs sat up over their novel "kill." The wolf actually did return, and a well-aimed shot hurried him off to that bourne from which no wolf returns.

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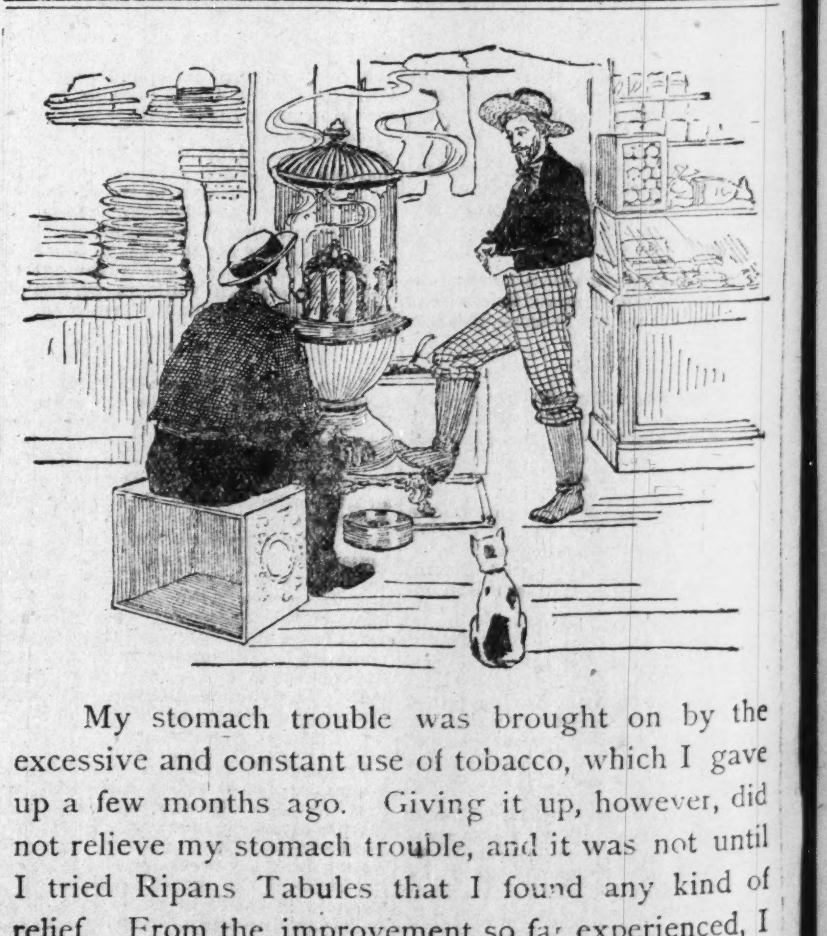

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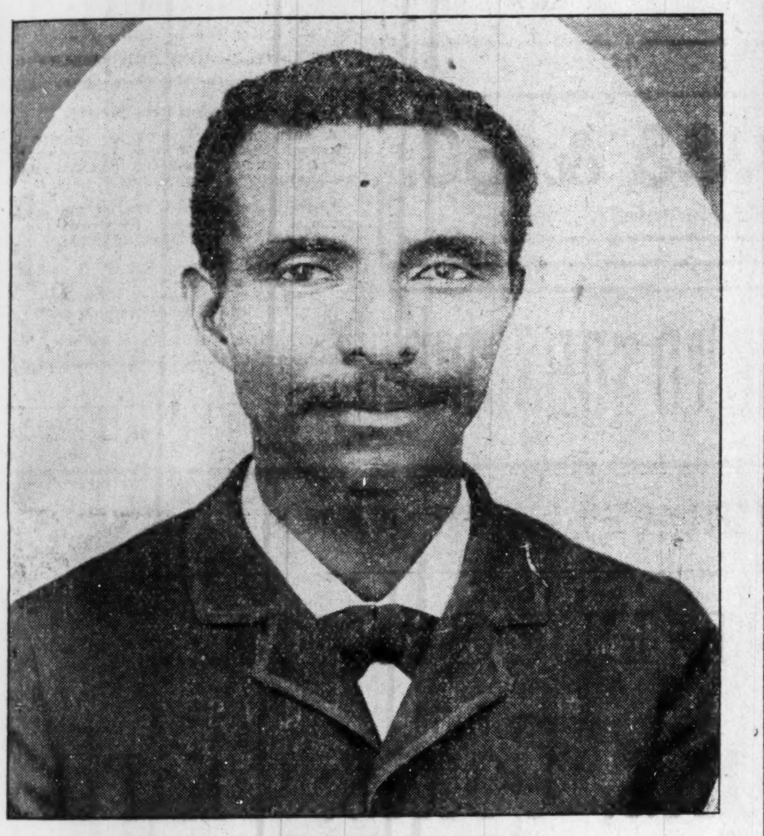

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Miss Sprawle nodded assent.

"Well," continued Mrs. Roberts, "it being so hot last summer, Sally had it made up and wore it, as you probably know, but not enough so but what 'twould have given excellent wear this year if they'd been married. Well, as soon as Sally and Ned decided to break off Mrs. Potter came over, and nothing would do but I should tell her just what the material cost!

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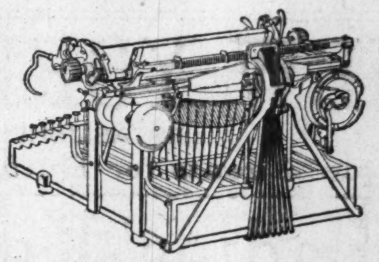

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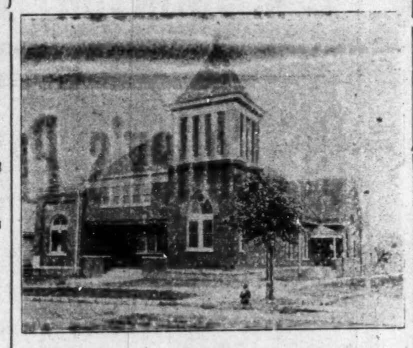

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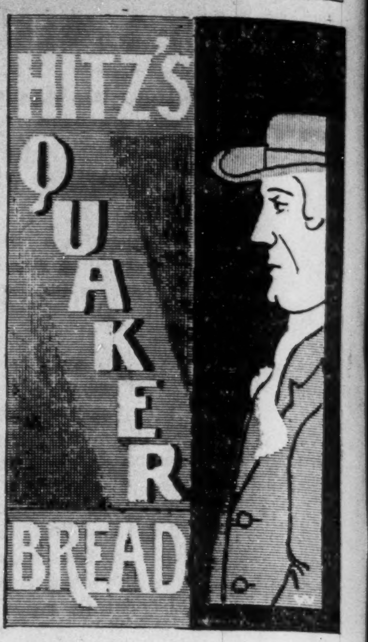

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